

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-12 and 17-27 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 17 being the independent claims. Withdrawn claims 13-16 and 29-32 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated November 30, 2004, claims 1-12 and 17-27 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent No. 6,798,286.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,798,286. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1-12 and 17-27 be reconsidered and withdrawn. The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

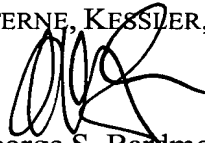
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will

expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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